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Outer sounds pierce coldly.
Day begins her battle.
Wheels come—faintly, boldly,
Crunching through the ice;
And the milk-jars rattle,
Like frozen dice.

Let me turn a moment,
One more dream to number;
Seek the warm bestowment
Of the flowers that mass . . .
Drain the dregs of slumber . . .
Let the dawn pass!

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More wonderful than all my joy of heart!—
To know the sudden nearness of his mood,
That for a little moment we, apart,
Together stood.

That same low voice across my garden-aisles
Might not have reached my ear, for wind or bird.
But it has spoken across a thousand miles!
And I have heard!

Agnes Lee